

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Rockefeller Foundation has given \$450, for war work.

Flour advanced yesterday to \$15.40 per barrel.

Federal Farm Loans have already been requested by 1,000 Kentucky farmers.

Three shots were fired at the Kaiser in his car, Tuesday, by a German who wanted to end the war. He was arrested.

Logan Threlkeld and James K. Ramsey, two of Madisonville's most prominent young men, have enlisted in the Officers' Reserve corps.

American scientists coping with the U-boat menace are about to produce a remedy. That is all that need be said at this time.

James W. Hopper, formerly an associate editor of the Courier-Journal, died Tuesday afternoon after an illness of ten years. He was in his seventy-eighth year.

Paul Gard, the young traveling salesman for the Whitaker Paper Co., of Cincinnati, who was in the city yesterday, received a telegram while here ordering him to report for examination in the reserve corps.

George Stallings, manager of the Boston National League baseball team and Mrs. Bayard Sharpe, widow of "Bud" Sharpe, former first baseman of the Browns, were married Monday.

Official wheat crop estimates show that with the world facing a bread shortage the United States, unless it cuts its home consumption, will produce only enough wheat this year to supply its own population.

The House war revenue bill proposes to take about all of the little the newspaper men have left after a year with the print paper trust. It doubles postage, lowers income taxes to catch even the minnows and puts a war tax of \$5 a hundred on all advertising collections.

Wm. E. Campbell this week shipped a fine collection of his famous home-made pipes to Will Starling at Washington, the President's personal bodyguard. The pipes are to be presented to Gen. Joffre, Premier Viviani, Secretary Balfour and other distinguished visitors of the French and British missions.

Tobacco growers of Henderson who planned to plant the largest acreage in the history of the county, have changed their minds and will grow more food crops instead. Several farmers have decided to eliminate tobacco this year and plant their tobacco land in corn, beans, cabbage and other edible crops. Chester Watson, a young farmer, has just finished planting twenty acres in navy beans.

Upshur Wooldridge is keeping out of sight of Henry Wallace, who recently returned from Houston, Texas. Mr. Wallace was visiting his son-in-law, who is a bank cashier, and Mr. Wooldridge conceived the idea of having a lot of practical jokes among Mr. Wallace's friends keep him continually "wrought up" by sight drafts every day or two through his son-in-law's bank for a few dollars for imaginary bills overdue. Mr. Wallace finally got an automobile and went 700 miles into the country.

State Tax Commission.
The machinery of the new state law passed by the special of the legislature must be ten into motion to handle the assessment and taxes which because it is expected that Governor will shortly name the Democratic member of the state commission. Prominent Democrats are mentioned for this place, among N. H. Newman and Peyton N. of Louisville. It is regarded as practically settled that James A. of Pikeville, will be named the public state tax commissioner. Bert L. Greene, the present auditor, is a member of the tax commission.

U. S. SHIPS AIDED ENEMY U-BOATS

Investigating Charges That American-Trans-Atlantic Freighters Supplied Subs.

COMMENT IS WITHHELD

Officials Refuse to Discuss Story of Manitowoc Transshipping Supplies.

Washington, May 9.—Persistent rumors of German submarines in the south Atlantic were given additional color when it was disclosed that government investigating agencies are running down a story that freighters of the American Trans-Atlantic company, flying the American flag, have carried supplies to sea for U-boats.

Officials would not go into details, but it was assumed the report prompting the investigation probably came from members of the crew of the steamer Manitowoc, quoted in news dispatches from Porto Rico, as charging that the Manitowoc and other Trans-Atlantic company vessels had trans-shipped to German submarines at sea quantities of food and fuel smuggled out of New York.

Both the navy department and the department of justice have taken a hand in the investigation. How far the inquiry has progressed was not indicated, but officials by their silence gave the impression that no definite conclusions had been reached.

Oathless Stock Man.

Edward Brown, a hog salesman at the Kansas City stockyards 33 years, and known far and wide among stockmen as the "man who never swore" is dead. When Brown went to work at the yards, cowboys and cattlemen who came in from the ranges of the west were men of broad oaths and picturesque profanity. Contact with these men day after day soon got employees of the yards into the same habit—all except Brown. No one ever heard an oath from his lips, and his abstinence became marked. Brown, however, suffered nothing in popularity.

H. A. Sommers, of Missouri.

That Western story that a girl saved a train from disaster by waving a red petticoat is fishy to us, as we have not seen a red petticoat for years.

BELL OR SCOTT FOR FRANCE

Choice Between two Kentuckians For European Service.

Washington, May 9.—Faced by the certainty that within a comparatively short time an American expeditionary force will be sent to France to join the Allies on the Western battle front of Europe, the War Department is agitated as to who will be placed in command of this force.

The choice apparently lies between two sons of Kentucky—Major Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff, and Major Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commander of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y. Both are native Kentuckians. Gen. Scott is three years older than Gen. Bell, having been born in 1853. Gen. Bell was appointed to the Military Academy from Kentucky, while Gen. Scott received his appointment from New Jersey.

That Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, who outranks both Bell and Scott, will not have the honor of commanding the first American expedition is the belief of many army officers. He was transferred recently from the Department of the East to the command of the new Southern Department, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C.

STREET MATTERS DISCUSSED

City Prosecutor Given Leave of Absence to Fight in Army.

The city commissioners met in their regular business session Tuesday morning. City Prosecutor J. C. Slaughter, who has been accepted in the Officers Reserve Corps, was granted a leave of absence during such time as he may be needed in the army.

A resolution was passed providing for oiling such streets as could not be sprinkled on account of having only four sprinklers. The streets to be oiled are: Fourteenth street from Walnut to Water street, except the intersection, which will be sprinkled; Seventeenth street from Main street to Virginia street; Harrison street from Eighteenth street to Nineteenth street and other streets yet to be named. The resolution provides that the oiling be done under the provisions of Section 3290 sub-section 42 of Kentucky Statutes, which provides that the entire cost of the oiling of the streets shall be borne, one third, by the abutting property owners on either side of the street and one third, together with the street intersections, to be paid for by the city. The usual budget of claims were allowed.

BRANDON NEW STATE HEAD

Fulton Man Honored at Annual Meeting at Bowling Green.

At the close of a two days' session of the organization of the Traveling Protective Association, at Bowling Green last week, the following officers, directors and delegates were elected for 1917-1918:

State President, E. F. Brandon, of Fulton, Ky.; first vice president, Nick Bosler, Louisville; second vice president, A. L. Harris; third vice president, Lucien H. Davis, Hopkinsville; fourth vice president, J. T. Elam, Henderson; fifth vice president, Chas. S. Nahm, Bowling Green; State Secretary, Carl H. Finck, Louisville; State Chaplain, Dr. W. M. Briney, pastor of Broadway Christian church, Louisville.

The directors elected were: W. T. Hardy, E. L. Kerley, E. C. Sellee, J. J. Blum, H. P. Roehr, D. O. Talcott, X. Wilson, Phil Dohl, Wm. C. Sumpter and F. H. Mason.

Delegates to the national convention in Savannah, Ga., are: E. F. Brandon, W. C. Sumpter, W. T. Hardy, Carl H. Finck, A. L. Harris, Jno. C. Kirschdorfer, Jas. T. Short, Nick Bosler, W. U. Ogletree, Ben L. Bruner, C. W. Milliken, H. P. Roehr, X. Wilson, A. L. Reeves, E. F. Roemer, Frank K. Yost and the Rev. W. Briney.

Louisville secured the 1918 convention. The salary of State Secretary Finck was increased \$300 on account of the increased duties of the office.

HOOVER FOOD DICTATOR.

Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the Food Committee of the Council of National Defense, will be given direction of food exports and later of price-fixing measures if the Administration's food bills are enacted. The Department of Agriculture announces itself fully equipped to enforce all domestic regulations contained in the legislation.

Miss Espie Complimented.

Miss Nell Espie, of Hopkinsville, who is the attractive guest of Mrs. B. N. Holt, sang a solo at the Baptist church Sunday morning and at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Miss Espie has a beautiful soprano voice, showing rare technique and sweetness. Both audiences were delighted with her singing.—Morganfield Sun.

WILL FOLLOW THE FLAG.

W. O. Soyars, Officers' Reserve
Herschel A. Long, " "
Henry L. Bass, " "
Joseph G. Stites, " "
John R. Green, Jr., " "
Joseph S. Slaughter, " "
Edward Dabney, " "
Churchill Blakey, " "
W. T. Radford, " "
Robert Wright, " "
Sam Torian, " "
George E. Luckey, " "
Robt. H. McCarroll, " "
Lee Oldham, " "
John W. Brethitt, Aviation.
Jas. C. Harris, Marine Corps.
Charles Jarrett, now of Texas.
H. K. Jarrett, " "
Henry Eager, now of Michigan.
Harvey Brethitt, now of Florida.
Ford Wilkinson, Mds'n U. S. N.
Wm. Wash, on U. S. S. Pennsylvania.

William Jones, Coast Artillery.
Thos. L. Morrow, railroad service.
NEW RECRUITS CO. D.

J. W. Sarden, Robert Morris, Calvin Monroe, John Wilson, H. K. Dyer, Neville Blakemore, Ira Hodges, Irby Dawalt, Burnett Stewart, Bernard Fambrough, M. E. Hamilton, Joseph Goin, Dewey Scott, Bartley Chandler, Murray Robinson, Wade Robinson, John R. Robinson, Claude Fields, Henry Page, Pat C. Winfree.

FIFTEEN NEW MEN QUALIFY

Enlisted Men of Third Regiment Pass Examinations—Will Get Commissions.

Fifteen enlisted men of the Third regiment have been certified as qualified for commissions in the army. Four are privates and the others are sergeants. Their names have been withheld.

The Third regiment is still stationed at Lexington, but it is expected that it will move to its western sector and its headquarters here as soon as the army bill is signed. It is reported that many of the men have colds as a result of the cold, damp nights, but none of the boys are on the sick list.

FLAG RAISING

Large Crowd Present as Handsome Flag Is Unfurled by Miss Beth Thomas.

Monday at one o'clock the handsome new flag was unfurled out at the High School on Walnut street. A large crowd was present and was deeply impressed with the ceremony. Supt. J. W. Marion was master of ceremonies, which began with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Lewis Powell.

The High School Orchestra played "Semper Fidelis" and then the students sang "America." Inspiring and patriotic addresses were delivered by Judge W. T. Fowler, George E. Gary and W. A. Long, chairman of the school board. After the speeches the crowd sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Then Miss Beth Thomas unfurled the flag and the crowd stood at attention. As a conclusion the High School Orchestra played "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

POWER GIVEN PRESIDENT.

After five hours' debate behind closed doors the Senate eliminated the modifications in the embargo section to which President Wilson objected. The provision as it now stands would empower the President during the war, when "the public safety shall so require," to proclaim it unlawful to export articles to any country named.

Miss Lauren Davis, of Sturgis, was drowned while visiting at Hot Springs, N. C.

EVANGELIST PREACHES

Great Sermon Delivered at Tabernacle by Evangelist on "Profits and Loss."

Last night Evangelist Fife preached his famous "Booze" sermon, "Profit and Loss," from the text: "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" A great crowd of eager listeners were present and the service was one of the best since the meeting began. The Evangelist asked the question: "If you find that your present occupation does not conform to God's law, which do you think would be better for you—to get God to change his law to conform to your business, or to change your business to conform to God's word?"

He next proposed that the people act as a jury and he as a prosecutor and arraign all manner of business which applied for admittance to an imaginary perfect city and see what the people's verdict would be. He said that for admission to the perfect city, a business must give a favorable answer as to its effect on the home, on children, on other business, on health, on efficiency and on earning capacity, "for," he said, "the two things in business today that are foremost in progress are 'safety first' and efficiency." The Evangelist then entered into his attack on whisky and the saloon and ended with an eloquent appeal in which he said, "If you find that you have in this city the things that are greater liabilities than assets, that there is more against them than can be said for them, don't you think it is the better part of decency, sobriety and wisdom for you to oust them and accept this Jesus that is calling for you to do the right?"

PROGRAM.

10 A. M., Sermon at Tabernacle, "Does Christianity Pay?"
Thursday: 3:15 P. M., Girls' meeting at Tabernacle with Mrs. Earl H. Fife.

7:30 P. M., Sermon, "If Christ Should Come to Hopkinsville?"
Friday: 10 A. M., Sermon at Tabernacle, "Christ at the Door."

8:00 P. M., Final Concert of Fife Party.
Saturday: 10 A. M., Sermon at Tabernacle, "Forgiveness."

7:30 P. M., "Thou Art Not Far."

Sunday: Last Day of Campaign.

Morning Sermon, "The Changed Life."

Afternoon Sermon to Mothers, in honor of "Mothers Day."

Evening, "The Judgment."

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Stenographers and Typewriters Wanted—Both Men and Women.

Greatly increased demands for stenographer and typewriters in the United States Government service at Washington, D. C., owing to the present emergency, require frequent examinations. Appointments in large numbers are to be made as soon as eligibles are available. It is the manifest duty of citizens with this special knowledge to use it at this time where it will be of most value to the Government.

For the present, examinations for the Departmental Service, for both men and women, will be held every Tuesday, in 400 of the principal cities of the United States, and applications may be filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at any time.

The entrance salary ranges from \$900 to \$1,200 a year. Advancement of capable employees is reasonably rapid.

Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday on the date of the examination.

The Government service offers a desirable field to bright and ambitious persons.

DRIVEN OUT BY GAS FUMES

German Troops Regain Wood and Fresnoy in Two Heavy Counter-Attacks.

HEAVY PRICE IS PAID

Germans Bring Up Two Fresh Divisions Before Canadians Have to Retire.

After five days of extraordinarily hard fighting between the Canadians and the Germans, the little village of Fresnoy, lying southeast of Lens, and the adjacent wood are again in German hands.

In the re-taking of these positions where the Canadians had stood for days, holding the most advanced salient in the British line projecting towards Douai, the Germans evidently paid a terrible price. Preceded by a heavy artillery fire, in which asphyxiating gas shells also were used in large numbers, the counter-attack was launched in the early morning.

The machine gun and rifle fire of the defenders met the Germans as they threw themselves forward, but they would not be denied and finally penetrated the trenches northeast of the village and even entered the outskirts of the village itself. The tenure of the position, however, was short-lived, for the Canadians soon afterward returned to the fight, drove out the Germans and again held full sway.

Reforming later and reinforced by two fresh divisions the Germans again made a bid for victory along the entire front before the village and wood. The right wing of the defenders held steadfastly and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans. The left wing, however, notwithstanding its stubborn resistance, was compelled to give ground and to evacuate the village and wood, leaving them in the hands of the Germans. Berlin reports that 200 prisoners and six machine guns fell into the hands of the Germans.

There has been a continuation of the violent fighting southward in the Bullecourt and Roerx sectors, but no notable changes in positions have been reported.

Although the latest French official communication reports no infantry action during Tuesday along the line held by the French in France, the Associated Press correspondent with the French allies tells of a desperate German attack south of Berry Au Bac, which was sanguinarily repulsed, the Germans leaving behind numerous dead on the battlefield and 120 prisoners. These prisoners, together with others taken in small raids, have brought the total captured by the French since April 16 to between 20,000 and 30,000.

The artillery activity along the entire Macedonian front continues violent, indicating possibly the near approach of a general offensive. Small engagements between entente forces and Austrian and Turkish troops between Orchrida and Lake Presba and between entente and Teutonic allied troops along the Cerna are reported.

JEFFERSON DAVIS CAMPAIGN.

The Jefferson Davis campaign fund now stands, \$827.50, with additional contributions: Mrs. John B. Trice, \$10; Miss Annie Trice, \$10; six \$5 subscriptions.

The promoters of the campaign wish to thank the Fiscal Court for the appropriation to improve Littlefield Highway.

Mrs. P. E. West, accompanied by Mrs. Polk Prince, went to Elkton, at the solicitation of prominent Elktonians, to assist in organizing a campaign for funds in Todd county. They have planned to raise at least \$1,000.

The French Mission was given a great ovation in both Chicago and St. Louis, two of the biggest German-American cities.